

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**  
**THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2007**

**The Receipt, Award and Allocation of External Funding**

<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME:</b>	<b>A Better Environment</b>
<b>CORPORATE PLAN THEME:</b>	<b>Managing the Local Environment</b>
<b>CORPORATE PLAN KEY PRIORITY:</b>	<b>External Funding</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER:</b>	<b>Councillor Nathan Desmond</b>
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<b>APPENDICES:</b>	<b>None</b>

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To note the receipt, award and allocation of external funding.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Cabinet is asked to DECIDE:-**

**2.1 That the external funding detailed in paragraph four of this report, be noted and allocated to the revenue budget accordingly.**

**2.2 That the allocation of future external funding to the budget be delegated to the Head of Financial Services in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Members.**

**3.0 BACKGROUND**

3.1 Cultural Services in Community and Partnership Services and the Parks Section in Property and Operational Services are particularly proactive in obtaining external funding to support the activities it delivers.

3.2 The Community Development section is very active in this area and has secured £342,270 in external funding for 2007/08 to date. The role of this section is to empower the local community, working particularly in disadvantaged areas, and relies extensively on partnership working and external funding.

3.3 In the last two years Cultural Services has obtained £1,063,470 of external funding, (not including £396,000 for Liveability and additional Section 106 monies).

3.4 The extent of this external funding has necessitated this to be reported to Committee for budgetary purposes so that the funding can be allocated and the budget amended accordingly.

3.5 The first report of this nature was presented to the Cabinet in March 2007.

**4.0 EXTERNAL FUNDING**

4.1 The following are all Revenue items and have not been previously reported:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Received and Use</b>
Moorhall Marsh – Local Nature Reserve	£6,790	Big Lottery, Breathing Spaces for new Local Nature Reserve at Moorhall Marsh, partnership with Stourport Town Council
Grazing Animals Project	£20,000	Natural England, to cover costs of Stockman until March 2008
Section106 Shrubbery Street	£12,000	Towards benches, signs and litterbins in Baxter Gardens
Museum	£3,000	Agreed in April 2007, paid October 2007 for Museum Interpretation plan for HLF
Museum	£1,000	From Friends of Bewdley Museum towards Interpretation plan paid in October 2007
Parks	£3,500	Zig Zag project – Springfield Park Wyre Forest Community Housing Group, £2,500 and Broadwaters Community Spirit, £1,000

4.2 Cultural Services is also awaiting the outcome of the Big Lottery Funding application for £207,800 for play projects.

**5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The funding listed above will be allocated to the appropriate revenue budgets. There are no ongoing revenue consequences to the budget as these are one-off items of externally funded expenditure.

**6.0 RISK MANAGEMENT**

6.1 There are no risk management issues.

**7.0 LEGAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no legal or policy implications.

**CONSULTEES**

Head of Financial Services  
Head of Legal & Democratic Services  
Economic, Development & Tourism Manager

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

External Funding Strategy  
Cabinet Report – March 2007  
Play Strategy – Big Lottery Fund Cabinet Report – October 2006